

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

By Summerville

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Mangrum on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding professionals who have answered a call to help others and who have served with exceptional devotion and unparalleled compassion throughout their careers to provide the highest quality of support for persons with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Linda Mangrum is one such admirable woman who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-two years of service to the cause of improving the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities at the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD), Mrs. Mangrum will be taking a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, Linda Mangrum first embarked upon her career with DIDD in 1970, and estimably served in numerous capacities to make a difference in the lives of individuals who have challenging conditions; and

WHEREAS, with a person-centered focus, Mrs. Mangrum provided services at the Clover Bottom Developmental Center for twenty years; this tenacious individual began as a Developmental Technician for her first three years at DIDD, and then progressed to the position of teacher's aide, serving with acumen and alacrity for four years; and

WHEREAS, always striving for excellence, Mrs. Mangrum was promoted to numerous positions during her exemplary tenure with DIDD: she was a Developmental Technician Supervisor 3 for seven years; served as Developmental Supervisor 2 for five years; was a Counseling Associate 2 for five years; served as MR Program Specialist 2 in the Regional Office for five years; was a MR Program Specialist 3 in the Central Office for Incident and Investigation

for five years; and she was assigned duties of I/I Database/Technical Support while continuing to provide paramount service as a consultant on incident and investigation reviews; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Linda Mangrum is the community coordinator for the Cry Out America event held annually in Dickson County,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mangrum exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Linda Mangrum enjoys the loving companionship of her husband of forty-nine years, Charles Mangrum, and they are the proud parents of Regina Mangrum Forsythe, and Charles Andrew Mangrum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mangrum is also the loving grandmother of two grandchildren, Thomas Forsythe, and Kimberly Forsythe; and

WHEREAS, Linda Mangrum's hobbies include Biblical studies, swimming, water skiing, sewing, crafts, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends; this remarkable woman is looking forward to more time to travel, wishes to expand her Biblical studies, desires to volunteer with children and the elderly, and aims to take courses in computer technology; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart servant of the Lord, Mrs. Mangrum is known for her devotion to the will of God the Father in her life for His divine direction and unfailing guidance; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Linda Mangrum has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her clients, colleagues and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Linda Mangrum for thirty-two years of meritorious service to the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, thank her for her efforts to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and extend to Mrs. Mangrum our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.